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In re Application of
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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FASTENING
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: DECISION NOTING JOINDER
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: DECISION ON PETITION
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This is in response to the renewed petitions under 37 CFR 1.47 and 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed June 5, 2003.

TREATMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **moot**.

In view of the joinder of the inventors, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is not necessary. This application does not have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure ("MPEP"), § 409.03(j) provides that "[i]n the event the previously nonsigning inventor decides to join the application by filing an executed oath or declaration complying with 37 CFR 1.63, the oath or declaration will be placed in the application file."

Accordingly, the declarations for the named joint inventors have been entered and made of record.

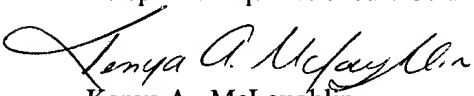
TREATMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed February 2, 2000, required petitioner to file proper declarations for all name inventors and remit the surcharge of \$130.00. Petitioner has complied with the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" and satisfied the requirements for 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is, therefore, granted.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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